(Prevention) Act, 1967 has been amended and notified in 2008 to strengthen the punitive measures to combat terrorism. The National Investigation Agency has been constituted under the National Investigation Agency Act, 2008 to investigate and prosecute offences under the Acts specified in the Schedule. The Government has also, *inter-alia*, repeatedly taken up this issue with Pakistan, in the bilateral fora.

Establishment of Human Rights Courts

2222. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has monitored the establishment of Human Rights Courts under the protection of Human Rights Act; and

(b) if so, the details of Courts established in different States, working, not working, number of cases dealt with by courts, number of convictions awarded in different courts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Deaths reported by NHRC

†2223. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of deaths reported by the National Human Rights Commission during each of the last three years till date in custody, State-wise and Union Territory-wise;

(b) the State-wise compensation being provided to the next of the kin of the each person who died in custody;

(c) the action taken by Government against the officials responsible for it; and

(d) the measures taken by Government to prevent custodian deaths in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) The State/Union Territory-wise number of custody death cases registered by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) during the period between 2006-2007 to 2009-2010 (up to 30th November, 2009) is given in Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) The State/UT-wise amount of monetary relief recommended by the NHRC during the period between 1.4.2006 to 30.11.2009 is given in Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) "Police" and "Public Order" are State Subjects under the Constitution of India. It is for the State Governments to take appropriate action in every custodial crime. In respect of deaths of persons in the custody of Central Police Forces, departmental inquiry against the officials responsible for the cause of death is conducted and the officials found guilty are suitably punished. In all proven cases of violation of human rights, the NHRC also recommends either

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.